Greetings all,

We had an interesting time at the Richmond River Historical Society. One of the most exciting things we found was a picture of the road being built between The Channon and Tuntable Creek in 1905 on the 22nd April! Students were fascinated with the old photos of Lismore and how things have changed, not to mention the big boats that pulled into the wharf at Byron Bay. Miss Jodie was quite enthralled with the array of musical instruments to be found there, including a piano that was made in England in the 1700’s and a piano that was floated down the river from Ballina on a raft.

If you haven’t been there before, you should go and have a look and if you read the names of the people in the photo of the last council meeting held there, you will find Mr Peter Larsen.

This Friday is our special Easter Scripture service which all students are expected to attend. If you don’t wish your child to go to this, please send in a written note.

Gardening requests

We are having a little problem with a few of the local animals/birds eating our beautiful plants and vegetables. One of the ideas we have seen in a gardening book involves using old baskets, like the kitchen sink ones, to place over some of our little seedlings to protect them as they start to grow. If you have anything like that or an old colander we could use, that would be fantastic. Any other items or ideas would also be fantastic.

Alison Bath

Upcoming Events

March 27
Easter Scripture Presentation 12.30pm

March 31
SCHOOL PHOTOS

April 2
Last Day of Term 1 2015

April 3
GOOD FRIDAY

April 6
EASTER MONDAY

April 20
TERM 2 commences – Staff Development

April 21
All students return
Practise to be a journalist

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. [http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp](http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp)

Safetytown website – A road safety education program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit [https://www.safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au).

Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

Thinking on your feet

This week’s most common question on the School A to Z parent website:

Q: What's a surd?

A: A number that can't be simplified to remove a square root (or cube root etc). :eg: $\sqrt[3]{11}$


Bullying knows no bounds

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home)

Paediatricians recommend children and adolescents' limit screen based media use (SBMU) to less than two hours per day for their health. A recent study (January, 2015) of 2,620 8 to 16 year olds from 25 Australian government and non-government primary and secondary schools found that 45% of 8 year olds to 80% of 16 year olds exceeded the recommended < 2 hours per day for SBMU (TV viewing, Gaming, Social Networking, and Web Use)

Suggestions to help children limit their screen time include:

- No screens before school
- No screens in the bedroom
- Negotiate their use with your child
- Ask if all help around the house and homework is done first
- Use the great outdoors and the local library.
Basketball Holiday Clinic
Lismore Basketball Stadium
342 Keen Street
Thursday 16th April
9am – 1pm
$10 per child
(5-14 Years)
Please bring your own lunch, drinks
Contact Tanya on 0410 777 972 for more info

Nimbin Holiday Club
Autumn Program

Dear friends,
We are operating from the Nimbin Community School, (81 Cullen St, Nimbin) and on excursion days please meet us in the Nimbin Central School car park at 9am. Day runs between 9am and 3pm, for children aged 5 – 12. Please read the dates and venues below carefully and book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment. To book phone NNC on 66951692 (between 10 am and 4 pm) or text Kylie on 0487672281. Please note that the basic fee is $12 per day and more on excursion days. Parents must sign consent forms for any excursions. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing, covered shoes, brings a hat, and has adequate food and drinks for the day.

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<td>Thursday 9th April</td>
<td>Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park Drama activities, Art/Craft, Games, DVD, Music, dance and more We will be making sock puppets then putting on a show. Puppets, plays and music day A good day for dress ups!! (Bring any odd socks from home)</td>
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<td>Friday 10th April</td>
<td>Nimbin Community School – visit to Djambung Gardens We are going to visit the Djambung Permaculture Gardens to get our hands dirty. Please bring a hat, food and water. Please wear old clothes, we will get dirty. Garden adventure day</td>
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<td>Tuesday 14th April</td>
<td>Excursion – Ballina Waterslide and rock pools We will explore the rock pools, visit the maritime museum, have lunch at the park and if you dare, take on the Ballina waterslides. Don’t forget your swimmers, hat and towel, food and water (wet weather alternative has been arranged)</td>
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<td>Wednesday 16th April</td>
<td>Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more. Inspired by a visit to the Autumn art extravaganza Painting day Please wear old clothes</td>
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<td>Nimbin Community School, Park and Skate Park DVDs, Art, Craft, Games. Music and more Library craft – Scratch art</td>
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WORD PLAY

CALLING ALL STAR SPELLERS AND WORDSMITHS!

Shine Australia would love you to take part in a brand new and exciting TV pilot for kids.

Are you aged 6-131*?
Are you a Word Whiz and Spelling Superstar?

If so, we want to hear from you!
To apply for step one, log in here:

https://wordplay.castasugar.com

* Please note, you must not be turning 14 on or before December 31st 2016
& must have turned 2 by March 31st, 2018

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